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HOUSE MEMORIAL 25

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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A MEMORIAL

**EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON
THE PASSING OF HAROLD JOSEPH "DOC" WEILER.**

**WHEREAS, Harold Joseph "Doc" Weiler, one of the state's
best-known and longest-working lobbyists, died at the age of
eighty-six; and**

**WHEREAS, Doc Weiler was born in Burlington, Wisconsin,
earned a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's college in Minnesota
and received a law degree from Marquette university in
Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and**

**WHEREAS, he served as a United States navy pilot in World
War II and returned to Burlington to practice law for sixteen
years; and**

**WHEREAS, he moved to New Mexico in 1960 and became
executive director of the association for commerce and**

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1 industry, where he remained for seventeen years; and

2 WHEREAS, Doc then began working as a lobbyist and was
3 registered as the lobbyist for Phelps Dodge and Ruidoso Downs;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, at the capitol, he was described as possessing a
6 voice that a Shakespearean actor or radio evangelist would
7 covet; and

8 WHEREAS, Doc helped get the personal property tax on
9 inventory held for retail repealed, crusaded for worker's
10 compensation reform, helped to defeat mandatory collective
11 bargaining for public employees, and helped to pass the In-
12 Plant Training Act, the Pollution Control Revenue Bond Act, the
13 industrial revenue bond acts, seat belt legislation and
14 unemployment compensation reform; and

15 WHEREAS, of the role of the lobbyist, Doc said, "I think
16 we serve an extremely useful purpose as a resource", and,
17 regarding his personal approach, observed, "What I attempt to
18 do and always have done is to express good, concrete reasons
19 why a bill should be adopted or amended or killed based on
20 information"; and

21 WHEREAS, Ernie Mills, Albuquerque journalist, said, "He
22 represented all the good things we look at in a lobbyist:
23 honesty, integrity and credibility"; and

24 WHEREAS, he was known as Santa Fe's great legislative
25 compromiser and saw bills as people instead of as legal

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1 writing, believing legislation was alive because it affected
2 lives;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that condolences be
5 expressed on the passing of Harold Joseph "Doc" Weiler, one of
6 the state's best-known lobbyists, and that Doc be recognized
7 for his many years of service to the state of New Mexico; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
9 transmitted to Doc's wife, Lena Weiler.

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